

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PBOR, BG, IN  
SUBJECT: MEHTA RETURNS TO DELHI FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF: DACCA 3951

1. FOLLOWING MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS ON JULY 29 AND 30, THE LEADER OF THE INDIAN GROUP TO THE FARAKKA TALKS, FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT S. MEHTA, LEFT DACCA SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 31, FOR A TWO-DAY CONSULTATION IN DELHI. ON HIS DEPARTURE, MEHTA TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE WOULD "NATURALLY CONSULT" HIS GOVERNMENT ON "PROGRESS ACHIEVED SO FAR." HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE PROGRESS HAD BEEN. MEHTA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DELHI IRRIGATION SECRETARY C.C. PATEL. DURING THEIR ABSENCE, THE TALKS WERE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE AT THE TECHNICAL AND WORKING LEVEL.

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2. OVER THE WEEKEND, MEHTA HELD BRIEF MEETINGS WITH SHAMSUL HUQ, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WITH TABARAK HUSAIN, FOREIGN SECRETARY. THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON ANY OF THE MEETINGS, EXCEPT FOR A GENERAL REMARK BY MEHTA AFTER THE FIRST DAY'S WORKING SESSION THAT THERE HAD BEEN "SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS TO NARROW THE GAP."

3. COMMENT: THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE INTEREST GENERALLY IN DACCA CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE BANGLADESHIS WERE ILL PREPARED TO GO INTO THIS ROUND. AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "UNDERSTANDING" REACHED LAST APRIL AND WITH THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN DACCA-DELHI RELATIONS, MOST OBSERVERS FEEL THAT A FINAL AGREEMENT EVENTUALLY WILL BE REACHED, ALTHOUGH THE MONSOON SEASON ALSO HELPS TO DISPEL THOUGHTS OF WATER SHORTAGES. BERGESEN

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